

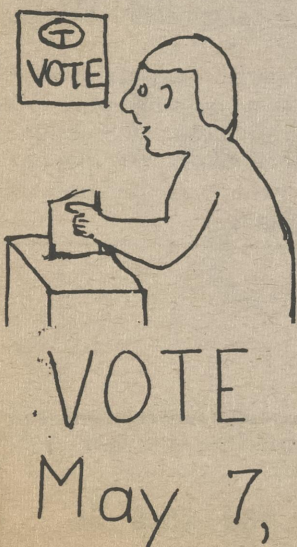


Foggy Bottom News

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Next Meeting

Monday, April 29
at 8 P.M.
St. Paul's Church
2430 K St., N.W.



Speakers To Discuss NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCILS & D.C. CHARTER

You probably think you've heard all there is to be said about the D.C. Home Rule Charter and that the Advisory Neighborhood Council (ANC) is a nice democratic and complementary institution. At our April 29 meeting, four distinguished speakers will present the FBA with the pros and cons of these two critical subjects—perhaps your last chance to get the unvarnished facts!

Attorney Wilma Martin of the League of Women Voters will lay out the terms of the Charter and the positive

effects it will have on the political life of our city.

Anton Wood, a rising star in the Statehood Party, will present us with what he sees as the deficiencies of the Charter and its possible errors of commission—the power the government will have to float bond issues for capital projects without submitting them to a referendum, for example.

Also on the ballot is the important question of the Advisory Neighborhood Councils (ANCs) which will be discussed by Dorothy Maulsby, Chairman of the Committee in Opposition to ANCs and an as yet unnamed spokesperson of the Committee For ANCs. To stimulate your interest in this little-

understood issue, so beloved of and befogged by, the media, here are a few of the mass of questions you might like to inform yourself about before plunking down your check on the ballot:

As an arm of the D.C. can ANCs sue the D.C. Government—as the FBA did in the case of freeways—or will they simply be "Advisory" as their name suggests?

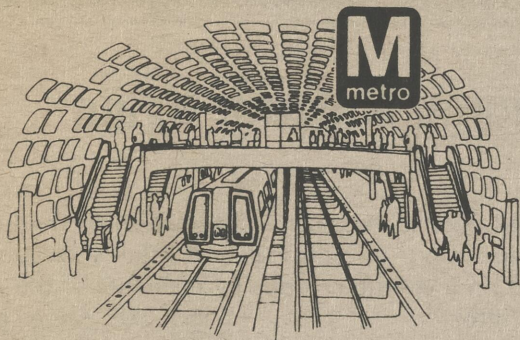
To what extent will this extra layer of **advisory** power simply insulate the D.C. Council from direct contact and accountability at the very moment that D.C. citizens are granting the Council **real** power through the Charter?

To what extent will the ANCs divert and dilute the

power of the existing community organizations just at the moment when the emergence of an elected city government might increase their relevance? What, indeed, can the ANCs do that is not being done now by the present structure of organizations without the additional levies upon property owners that will be required to fund ANC?

Important questions still face us as we approach Charter Day. So chuck that rag, switch off the boob tube, April 29, and come hear some flesh and blood speakers **that respond**. Come, and by coming, prove that your community organization is functioning and contributing to the lifeblood of the city.

ANOTHER Tunnel Tour



ANOTHER TUNNEL TOUR?

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The first time I saw him I passed on by, just tossing out a "Right on!"

But a few weeks later I again found him practicing his own special brand of citizenship. It recommends itself to all of us. He was patiently moving from paper-to-bottle-to can gathering them into a large plastic bag.

Since his appearance belied an impression of the deprived seeking reusables I stopped and asked if he did this often. He said, "Usually once a week." This exemplar of good citizenship is Robert Ban Zant of 2424 Pennsylvania Avenue, a long-time Washington resident and recently retired from the Department of Agriculture. Since then he has made the Ten Hundred Park and Bench Block of 26th Street his special bailiwick of concern.

Robert started his civic project a few years ago because the streets of Washington were "no longer clean as they were when I first came twenty years ago."

How long do you suppose it would take to make Foggy Bottom shine like a Dutch

housewife's kitchen if even a few of us made it a regular habit to "Pick-up and Pitch-In"? ? ? ?

I have long wanted to invent a pocket/purse size gadget tuned to sing out the way the three-tone NBC station chimes used to do; but this time saying "Pick-Up and Pitch-In". It could be aired on prime time until the full spectrum of offenders would at least blush when they heard it.

People everywhere, young and old, litter streets daily with candy and gum wrappers, toss sacks of 'empties' out car windows... recently, a taxi driver in front of me threw his brown bag lunch remains onto the street where it spilled out. Among the worst care offenders are the ash tray dumpers. They dump in parking lots, in someone's 'Reserved' space, onto residential streets, wherever they happen to be when the ash tray says "no more" and seemingly with little concern for the eyesores they make. We need more Van Zants and a lot of

litter-bug tunes.

If it costs the nation—and that is you and me—ten billion dollars a year to clean up trash it would take but a small portion of this expense to devise the "Pick-Up-Pitch-In" gadget. With the offer of a couple thousand dollars prize money and a royalty interest, the Environmental Agency could soon generate enough excitement for someone to come up with exactly the right four-tone tune.

Make it pocket size for individual use and larger ones with a stepped up broadcast to mount cagily under the hood of cars in place of the old wolf whistle. No, not really in place of. Instead, let's mount them side by side in a two-birds-with-one-stone approach, and simultaneously herald the return of ribbons and bows.

For now, the Foggy Bottom Association awards its Kudos of the Month to Robert Van Zant. May his tribute increase.

Jane Planck

Letters

Station Beautification?

Editor:

Since Ms. Healy's letter regarding the condition of the Sunoco Service Station at 27th and Virginia Avenue, N.W. was published in your November 1973 edition, Vol. 18, No. 3, the Sun Oil Company has been energetically pursuing a solution of the problem as described by Ms. Healy and a number of other citizens residing in the Foggy Bottom area. The Sun Oil Company appreciates their interest and support for the remodeling of this service station and concurs with the general feeling that this service station serves an important need of the Foggy Bottom area. However, efforts to remodel this service station raise a number of complex zoning issues which will involve proceedings before the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia and the Board of Zoning Adjustment of the District of Columbia.

On November 14, 1973, the Sun Oil Company filed an application before the Zoning Commission as the first step toward achieving modernization of its service station at 27th and Virginia Avenue. Recently, Mr. E. E. Lingle, District Manager of the Sun Oil Company, and I met with members of the staff of the Zoning Commission to discuss the progress of this application. These staff members felt that they should receive input from the citizens of the Foggy Bottom area regarding their desire for and/or reaction to the proposed renovation of this service station.

At this juncture, the matter lies entirely in the hands of the Zoning Commission. The Sun Oil Company realizes that the citizens of the Foggy Bottom area are strongly in support of the renovation of this service station, and earnestly desires that these citizens express their support to the Zoning Commission. Correspondence should be addressed to "The Zoning Commission, D.C., District Building, 14th & E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20004," and referenced to Zoning Commission Case No. 73-31, which is the case number assigned to the Sun Oil Company's application. Finally, let me assure you that the Sun Oil Company has given this matter highest priority.

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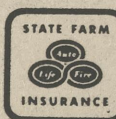
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The only thing missing from the March 25 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association was people (Cleopatra and the North Carolina vs. Marquette basketball game were our competitors THAT night). Those of us who were privileged to hear him are indebted to William (Bill) Buchanan for his informative talk on "Immigration—Blessing and/or Curse." It was especially generous of Bill to devote so much of his personal time to prepare such an excellent analysis of current Immigration problems.

Lieutenant William Nenichka—new to the Second Police Precinct—came by to get acquainted. Hope he'll be back again. New faces—new friends—new ideas—all found at a Foggy Bottom Association Meeting.

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...that due to construction work on the North side of the 2400 block of Eye Street, a large chunk of area on-street parking was banned for three weeks (seemed longer didn't it?)... that DICK and PAM PALCO are back, intact, after a pleasant trip to Las Vegas... the BOB SINKERS of Washington Circle Drugs have just returned from Israel... Mrs. MARK PLAISTED is flying down to Rio... that NANCY YOUNG CHEVALIER was in the Bottom visiting with some of her old friends last month (come back again Nancy, we miss you)... what happened to that old carry-out at 2040 Eye Street!! —It's now the BON APETIT if you please, very handsomely painted Red, White and Blue

DORTH & HENRY ARNOLD are back after an extended visit to California to attend their son JOEL'S wedding... that we all wish WARD and VIRGINIA WRIGHT, formerly of Eye Street, much luck in their new home in Chevy Chase... that handsome housecoat on MARGO JOHNSON seen at the false alarm fire gathering at 2:30 in the morning in the middle of 25th Street along with many of her neighbors from 950... the terrible state of neglect of some of our area lots (especially the one next to the C & B Grocery)... the large number of potential voters who walk past our polling places at St. Stephen's and St. Paul's on any election day (will you be one of them?)...



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In Our Neighborhood...

Washington Theater Club

WHAT'S HAPPENING... at the Washington Theater Club or perhaps the better question would be—what's not happening at the Washington Theater Club? The Theater located at 23rd and L Streets is Foggy Bottom's answer to Arena Stage. After operating at the L Street location for five years and producing some of the finest legitimate theater in the area, the Theater is experiencing rather severe financial troubles. As a result, the original Washington Theater Club headed by Hazel Wentworth has merged with the New Theatre School of Washington, a black theater group directed by Paul Allen. The first joint production of The New Theater was "Thoughts" by Lamar Alford, originally presented at Cafe LaMamma in New York. The most recent production in March was "Beyond the Broken Words," a two-man show with Roscoe Lee Browne and Anthony Zerbe. This show was pure simplicity. A couple of chairs, some mood lighting, a guitar for occasional songs, and loads of good words—Edna St. Vincent Millay, Richard Wright, Lawrence Ferlinghetti and more. Both Mr. Zerbe and Mr. Browne pos-

sess excellent voices and stage presences which made the evening of drama and poetry a classy display of acting virtuosity.

Future plans for The New Theater at the Washington Theater Club include a possible Light and Sound show plus a week's run of the George Faison Universal Dance Experience in April.

Right now, though, The New Theater needs Foggy Bottom's support. If you'd like to either contribute your life savings or volunteer for a myriad of jobs, contact Avis Rhodes at 338-4660 or 296-2386. If you can't do either at least see the next production and bring a friend. A relative stranger? A strange relative? Come!

NEXT MONTH: The Washington Area Feminist Theater; or can an assistant stage manager named Paul find true happiness in a feminist theater group?

EXTRA—The Washington Area Feminist Theater will be casting a two-act play about Zelda Fitzgerald, "The Amateur Reflections of Zelda" in late April. Y'all come.

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If you have been walking to town via "H" or "Eye" Streets, or any other way than right down Pennsylvania Avenue, you have been missing a delight to the eye.

In the 2100 Block next to the sidewalk cafe is a new sidewalk garden complete with wrought iron furnishings and enclosed with a wrought iron fence. This new and oh-so-different flower shop opened last November and is blossoming now into its first Spring in Foggy Bottom.

More than just a convenient place to find flowers and plants, the Gazebo (you say Guh-see-bo) abounds with people interest and some very unique flower arrangements. The two young owners met here in Washington. One was looking for something to do; the other one was evidently responding to a natural heritage. Duke Zeller is the third generation of his family to make growing things his business.

His grandfather was a leading horticulturist in Illinois for fifty years. His father's early specialty was in hybrid roses, then he expanded into landscape architecture; but the booming de-

mand for new golf courses came along and before he knew it, designing them had become a full time career.

His very talented mother, Mrs. Fritz Carl Zeller, and Neil Fuller, the other member of the firm and its business manager, designed the settings and decor for the shop. Mrs. Zeller continues to give generously of both her time and talents to help develop the fledgling business. Three times a week she drives in from her home in Fredericksburg to help with arrangements and greet customers. She was recently commissioned to decorate a wedding with her dried flower orchestrations. She does her own flower drying and they, too, are for sale at the shop.

Plan to be leisurely on your first visit to the Gazebo. There is much to see. The day I stopped in there were woodland gnomes perched on driftwood, and calico puppies romped under a woven reed bird nest shaped like a beehive, complete with fat bumble bees. Two yellow love birds chirping away in their fanciful cage completed the illusion of finding an

unexpected garden.

Just inside the front door is a handsome antique square piano converted to a desk where you can write your enclosure cards, not ordinary run-of-the-mill cards either. Then you notice a carved mermaid pedestal beside the desk looking for the world as though she had just come up dripping from the sea.

There is also the unusual container section. Would you like to relieve the pedestrian look of the red clay pot holding your favorite plant? Set it inside the inverted crown of a wide brim straw hat, and perch one of their pixie dolls on the upturned brim. If you need a change of pace with your dish garden, try The Green Room at the rear of the shop. It offers a good selection of plants, all sizes and shapes.

The Gazebo is not just a place that sells flowers. The care and concern that has gone into putting it together provides a wonderfully warm setting for the message of life and love implicit in fresh greenery and flowers.

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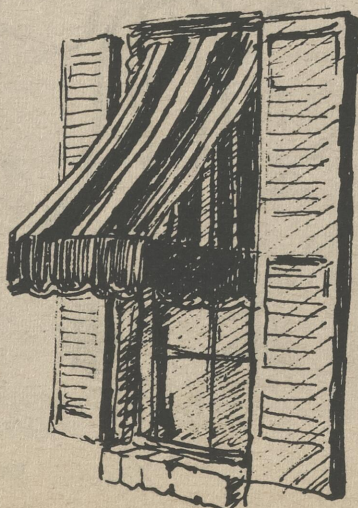
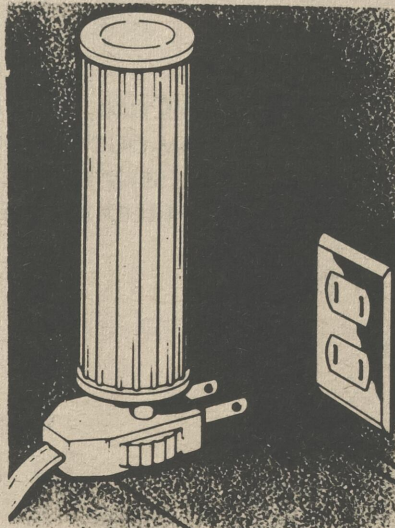
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into individual molds, chill and serve on water cress.

* Egg Gratinee (4)

Halve lengthwise 8 hard-boiled eggs and remove yolks. Force yolks through a sieve. Combine with 1 cup minced country ham, 5T heavy cream, salt and pepper. Fill whites with yolk mixture. Place eggs in buttered gratin dish. Make a recipe of 3 cups of rich white sauce and pour over eggs. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over the top, sprinkle a dash of paprika over and bake in 400 degree oven for 8 minutes.



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1. Do you want the U.S. Treasury to pay for election campaigns, either wholly or partially, as the bills now in Congress are promoting? Yes No
2. Do you believe the cost of such government financing could increase with succeeding elections? Yes No
3. Would you favor having campaigns financed entirely by eligible voters only, at an average annual cost of \$2? Yes No
4. Do you think Presidential and Congressional campaign funding by the government through diversion of income tax and supplemented by U.S. Treasury funds, will provide adequately for challengers? Yes No
5. Would you favor a prototype testing in one or two states of total financing of campaigns by eligible voters only, at the suggested \$2 annual payment? Yes No
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